

# **EXHIBIT A**

**U.S. Serial No. 09/666,267**

**Communication in**

**Response to the Notice to**

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Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures dated July 14, 2003

Exhibit 1 - Copy of Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Application Containing Nucleotide

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Exhibit 2 - Computer readable form and paper copy of Sequence Listing and Declaration Under 37 C.F.R.

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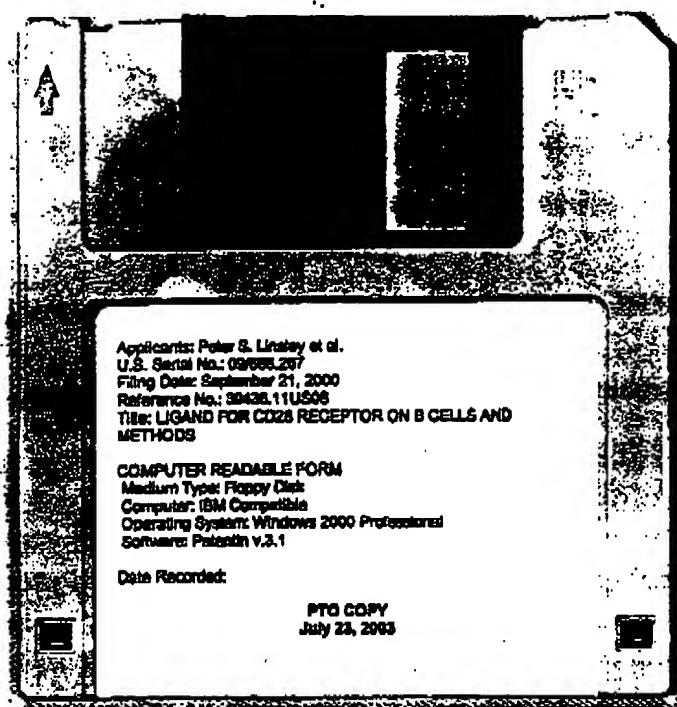
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We are transmitting herewith the attached:

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- Communication in Response to Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures dated July 14, 2003
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**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO  
COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS  
CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID  
SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES DATED JULY 14, 2003**

This Communication is submitted in response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Application Containing Nucleotide Sequences and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures issued in connection with the above-identified application on July 14, 2003. In accordance with the Notice, the deadline for submitting the Sequence Listing is due on August 14, 2003. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed. A copy of the above-referenced Notice is submitted herein as Exhibit 1.

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In the July 14 Communication, the Patent Office requires Applicants to re-submit a computer-readable form (CRF) of the Sequence Listing because the CRF previously submitted on December 12, 2002, was damaged by the sanitation process at the Patent Office.

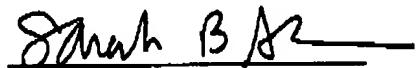
Applicants wish to point out that this is the third such submission of a diskette containing sequences for the subject application. The diskettes previously submitted on September 23, 2002, and December 12, 2002, were damaged by sanitation processes at the U.S. Patent Office.

Applicants submit herein a substitute Sequence Listing in computer-readable form. Applicants also submit herein a paper copy and a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f) stating that the computer-readable form of the Sequence Listing is identical to the paper copy (attached herewith as Exhibit 2). The substitute Sequence Listing contains no new matter and is supported by the specification as originally filed. Accordingly, its entry is respectfully requested.

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No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this response. However, if any additional fee is required, Applicants hereby authorize the Patent Office to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0306.

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